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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS: JOINT STATEMENT

REF: STATE 99156

1. PRIOR TO OPENING OF SIXTH PLENARY, STEARNS CONVEYED TO CALOGERAS BY TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED CHANGES IN DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (PARA. 3 REFTEL). CALOGERAS CALLED BACK FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER TO SAY THAT BITSIOS HAD PRESENTED SUGGESTED CHANGES TO CARAMANLIS WHO HAD ACCEPTED (C) AND (D). REGARDING (A), CARAMANLIS HAD STATED THAT HE PREFERRED SENTENCE TO READ, "THE TALKS PROCEEDED IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." REGARDING (B), CARAMANLIS AGREED WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CHANGE BUT PROPOSED THAT THE SENTENCE READ, "AT GREEK REQUEST: (A) THE US AGREED TO TERMINATE HOMEPORTING AT ELEFSIS; AND (B) THE US BASE AT HELLENIKON WILL BE CLOSED."

2. STEARNS CHECKED WITH AMBASSADOR KUBISCH AND MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION WHO AGREED THAT MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED BY CARAMANLIS WERE NOT REPEAT NOT SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY WITHHOLDING OUR CONCURRENCE. WE JUDGED THAT FURTHER DELAY MIGHT CAUSE AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED, WHICH ACHIEVE OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES FOR THIS ROUND, TO UNRAVEL. SLIGHT MODIFICATION IN (B) PROPOSED BY CARAMANLIS DOES NOT REPEAT

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NOT IN OUR VIEW AFFECT SUBSTANCE OF DEPARTMENT'S CHANGES.

HIS MODIFICATION OF (A) MAKES SENTENCES marginally LESS FORTHCOMING BUT SINCE THIS IS A JOINT STATEMENT THE WAY WE CHOSE PUBLICLY TO CHARACTERIZE THE ATMOSPHERE OF ROUND II MUST MEET GREEK AS WELL AS US NEEDS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, AT SIXTH PLENARY STEARNS AGREED TO TEXT CONTAINING DEPARTMENT'S CHANGES AND GREEK MODIFICATIONS. FINAL TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEST.

DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES MET IN ATHENS APRIL 7 - 29 FOR A SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING MUTUAL DEFENSE MATTERS. THE TALKS PROCEEDED IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THE GREEK AND UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS, LED RESPECTIVELY BY AMBASSADOR PETROS CALOGERAS AND MINISTER MONTEAGLE STEARNS, DISCUSSED ALL ASPECTS OF GREEK -U.S. MILITARY COOPERATION CONCLUDED THE SECOND ROUND AS FOLLOWS:

1. AT GREEK REQUEST:

A. U.S. AGREED TO TERMINATE HOMEPORTING AT ELEFSIS.

B. THE U.S. BASE AT HELLENIKON WILL BE CLOSED. CERTAIN U.S. FACILITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO GREEK DEFENSE NEEDS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON THE GREEK AIR FORCE BASE AT HELLENIKON.

2. AGREEMENT IS ALSO EXPECTED ON THE ELIMINATION, REDUCTION AND CONSOLIDATION OF OTHER U.S. FACILITIES IN GREECE.

3. THE PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND EXEMPTIONS OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN GREECE WERE REVIEWED AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

THE INSTALLATIONS WHERE U.S. FACILITIES REMAIN WILL BE PLACED UNDER GREEK COMMANDERS. THE SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF OPERATION OF THE FACILITIES TO REMAIN WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN THE THIRD ROUND. END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: IT WAS AGREED THAT FOREGOING WOULD BE RELEASED AS JOINT STATEMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ATHENS AND WASHINGTON AT 7:00 P.M. (ATHENS TIME) WHICH IS TWELVE NOON WASHINGTON TIME.

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